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February 26, 2015

TO: Parks and Recreation Commission

FROM: Karen Murphy, Public Services Director

SUBJECT: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting of March 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Midland Parks and Recreation Commission has been scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015. The meeting will be held in Council Chambers of Midland City Hall at 333 W. Ellsworth and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance
- 3) Roll Call
- 4) Minutes of meeting of February 3, 2015
- 5) Call to Audience
- 6) Grant application to Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for Emerson Park project
- 7) Parks and Recreation Master Plan update
- 8) Project Report
 - a. Bid specifications for Chippewassee Park pathway and river overlook
 - b. Fun Zone signage, train and fire truck
- 9) Old Business
- 10) New Business
- 11) Adjourn



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Grant application to Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund for Emerson Park project: As previously reported, the City was not successful in obtaining a 2014 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant for the Emerson Park riverfront renovation project. Staff feels very strongly that the project has good merit and fits within the guidelines of the MNRTF program, so I am moving forward to resubmit the grant request for 2015. The grant request to MNRTF will again be for \$300,000 and requires support from both the Parks and Recreation Commission as well as an approved resolution of support from the City Council. I will be asking for a motion of support and a recommendation from the Parks Commission that City Council pass a resolution in support of the grant application.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan update: The Parks and Recreation Master Plan for 2015-2019 was adopted by the City Council at their February 26 meeting, and has been uploaded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources website. The plan must now be approved by MDNR in order to make the City eligible to apply for grants in the 2015 grant cycle.

Project Reports:

- a. The Chippewassee Park pathway project is being paired with the renovation of the river overlooks and a combined bid specification packet is being put together by PMBlough, Inc. The Chippewassee Park pathway project includes repaving the existing pathway using City Park budget funds, and creating a new paved loop that will extend out into the green space of the park. This new portion will be funded by an Impact Grant the City received in 2014 from the Midland Area Community Foundation. The river overlook platform renovations are possible through grant funds the City received for riverfront cleanup from the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation and the Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation.
- b. I will share pictures of the Fun Zone work that has been going on inside our parks shop this winter, including new signage to recognize donors and the rebuilding of the train and fire truck.

New Business: I will remind the Commission that there is no scheduled Parks Commission meeting in April due to the proximity of the schools' spring break. Also, three Commissioners' terms will come to an end in June. I will share who has expressed interest in staying on the Commission and who will be stepping down from their seat.